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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PLS-480 RICE SALES TO INDONESIA

REF: A) STATE 207423, B) JAKARTA 10088

1. ACTING ECON COUNSELOR AND AGATT CALLED ON DIRGEN SUTHEE NATVORATAT, DEPT OF FOREIGN TRADE, AUG 31 AS INSTRUCTED REF A REGARDING USG PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PL-480 TITLE I, RICE SALES OF 200,000 METRIC TONS TO INDONESIA DURING REMAINDER OF CALENDAR 1976.

2. DIREGEN SUTHEE SAYS GOT HAS NO RPT NO OJECTION TO THIS PROPOSED SALE. HE CONFIRMED THAT THAI RICE EXPORTS FOR 1976 TO INDONESIA WILL BE AT RECORD HIGH OF APPROX 500,000 METRIC TONS. SOME 250,000 METRIC TONS ALREADY DELIVERED AND REMAINDER TO BE SHIPPED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1976.

3. WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, SUTHEE REQUESTED QUOTE US ASSISTANCE
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UNQUOTE WITH THE MARKETING OF THAI RICE DURING THE PERIOD

JANUARY THROUGH APRIL. HE SAYS THE LACK OF STORAGE FACILITIES MAKES IT MANDATORY THAT 50 PERCENT OF THE CROP BE MARKETING DURING THIS PERIOD. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CLARIFY SPECIFICALLY WHAT ASSISTANCE WAS BEING REQUESTED FOR FEAR INQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS AN EXPRESSION OF US SYMPATHY AND/OR INTEREST. FURTHER COMMENTS SUGGEST THAT THE AID REQUESTED IS THAT NO PL-480 RICE SALES BE UNDERTAKEN DURING JANUARY THROUGH APRIL.

4. DIR GEN CONFIRMED THAT HIS DEPUTY RECENTLY VISITED INDONESIA REGARDING RICE IMPORT NEEDS. GOI HAS ORALLY PROMISED TO PURCHASE 200,000 METRIC TONS THAI RICE DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977 FROM NEW CROP. BURKE
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